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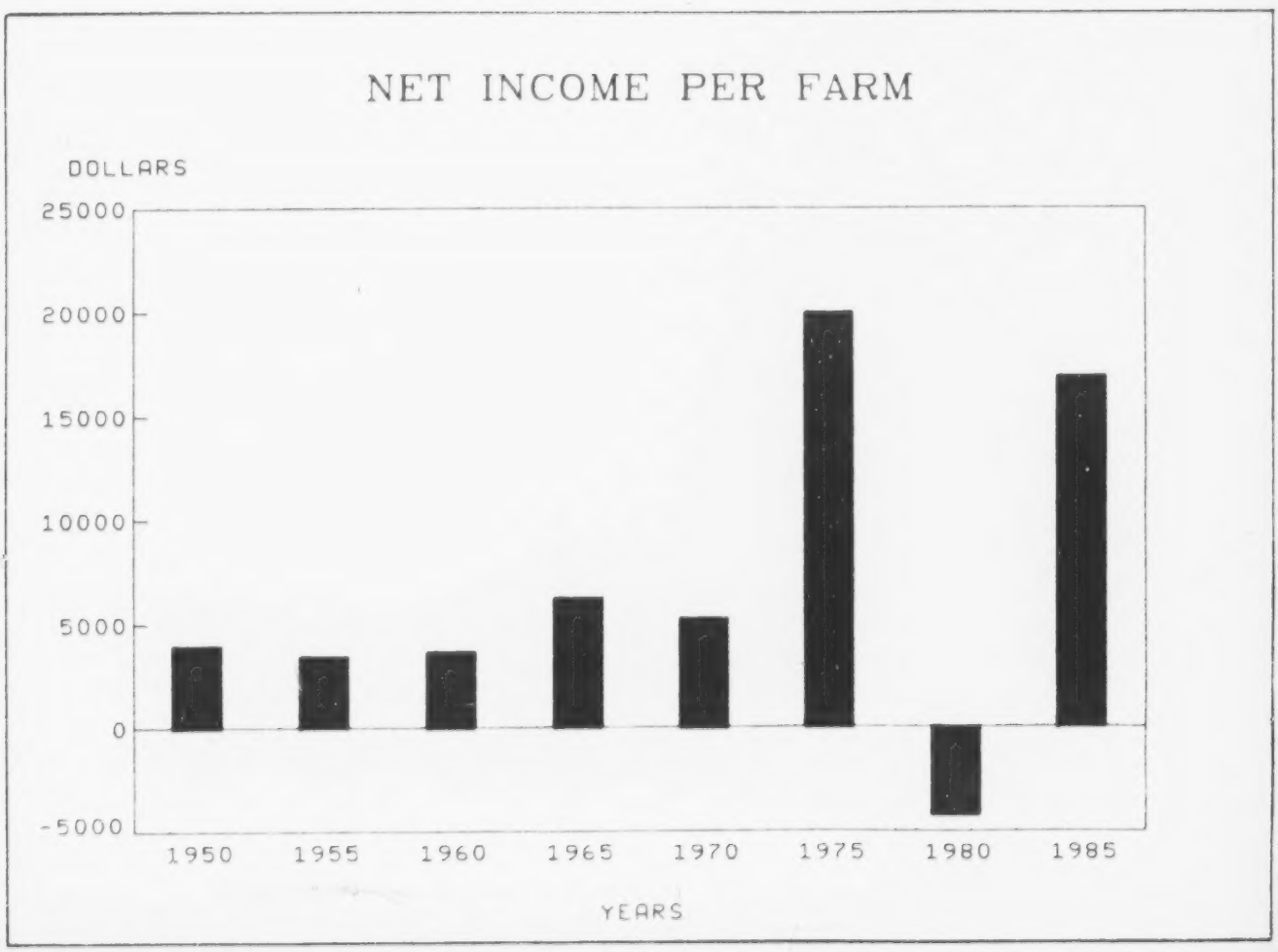

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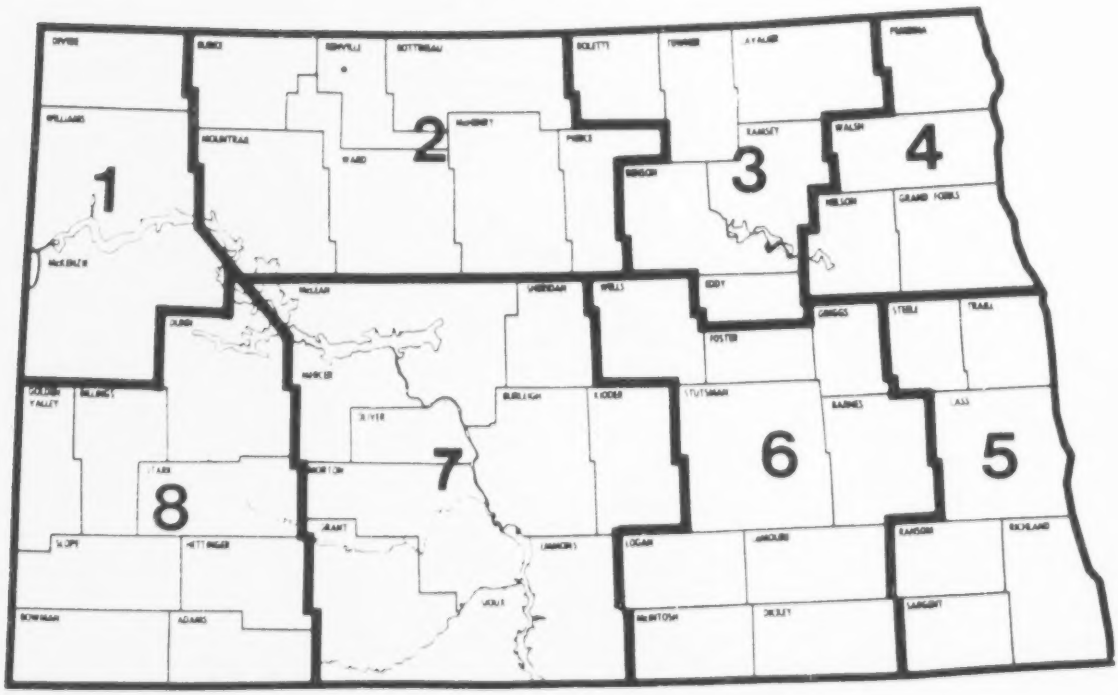

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NORTH DAKOTA FARM HIGHLIGHTS

The words "agriculture" and "North Dakota" are almost synonymous, causing many people to discuss the importance of agriculture to North Dakota's economy. It is hoped that this article will show the contribution of agriculture to the state's economy

In 1973, North Dakota had 43,500 farms. By 1986, that number had declined to 33,000--a loss of 10,500 farms (-24.1%). Despite the loss of farms, the average farm size has increased. In 1973, the average farm had 961 acres, but by 1986 that number had increased to 1,233--a gain of 272 acres (28.3%).

Despite this loss of farms, North Dakota has maintained some impressive statistics in farm production. In 1986, North Dakota ranked first in the production of the following crops (with the percent of the national production in parenthesis): flaxseed (83%), durum wheat (81%), sunflowers (71%), other spring wheat (42%), barley (29%), pinto beans (28%), and dried edible beans (19%). Our state ranked second in the nation in the production of rye (22%) and all wheat (14%). We ranked fourth in the production of sugarbeets (12%), oats (10%), and potatoes (6%). North Dakota was also first in the nation in the production of honey (15%). Down on the list, but still in the top ten, was the production of American cheese in which we were ninth (2%).

Now, what does all this mean to our economy? Preliminary estimates of cash receipts from the marketing of crops and livestock during 1986 totalled $2,134 billion. This is an impressive figure, despite being a decrease of 22% from 1985 and 16% below the 1984 figures. This is the lowest figure since 1978 when receipts were $1.864 billion

Receipts from only crops in 1986 totalled $1,466 billion. This is a decline of 29% from 1985. Cash receipts from crops ranged from a low of 52% of total cash receipts in 1964, 1967, 1968, and 1986, to a high of 81% in 1974. The maximum amount received from only crops was $2.1 billion in 1983, and the low was $309 million in 1961.

Cash receipts from livestock and livestock products ranged from a low of 18% of total farm income in 1974 to a high of 37% in 1961. The highest year in cash value was 1980 with $773 million, and the lowest was in 1953 with $142 million.

Another factor that should be looked at is government payments. In 1986, North Dakota farmers received about $700 million in government payments. This was an increase of 45% from 1985 (a year in which we ranked fifth in the amount of government payments). Looking at proportions of total farm income, cash receipts from government payments have increased significantly from 0.7% in 1949 to 25% in 1986. Government payments have ranged from $3.5 million in 1949 to an estimate of over $700 million for 1986.

Increasing cash receipts and the loss of farms have contributed to a dramatic increase in gross farm income per farm since 1980, rising from $57,973 to $97,709. However, net farm income since 1949 has ranged from a low of -$168 million in 1980 to a high of $1.5 billion in 1973. The second and third highest years are 1974 and 1975 with $1.1 billion and $838 million respectively.

Net farm income per farm between 1949 and 1971 averaged $8,000 or less. Then in 1972, the net farm income per farm jumped to $13,840 followed by a record high of $35,329 in 1973. In 1974, net per farm income dropped to $25,264 and has since ranged from a negative $4,203 (1980) to $19,958 (1975). The latest figures available are for 1985 with an income of $16,879.

Farm production expenses for North Dakota have also risen dramatically. In 1949, production expenses were $322 million and by 1983 they were over $2.8 billion. Since 1960, the most significant rise in production expenses was a 5,800% increase in pesticide costs.

When the multiplier effect on dollars in circulation is taken into account, a person can see that the money involved in agriculture becomes very significant. These dollars are used to buy seed, gasoline, deisel fuel, fertilizers, weed killers, pesticides, antibiotics, farm machinery, etc., etc.

What the future holds for agriculture should be interesting. Based on current events, it would seem that there will be fewer farms and that each farm will continue to get larger. Therefore, the dependence on machinery, chemicals, skilled hired workers, and a legion of farm service specialists should increase. All of these predictions mean more expenses; yet current practices have created surpluses, reducing crop prices and creating the current farmer's plight.

North Dakota's farm future seems to be hanging on to the edge of a number of uncertainties. We have shown that we can produce and, despite low crop prices, our farms continue to operate, generating vast amounts of wealth which, in turn, generates wealth for the other industrial sectors of our state.

All of the information presented in this article was obtained from the publication "North Dakota Agricultural Statistics 1987", produced by the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. If you have any questions concerning the data provided or would like additional information, please contact Warren Boyd at (701) 224-3048.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Rounded to Hundreds)

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
I N D U S T R I E S	JUNE 1987	MAY 1987	JUNE 1986	MAY 1987	JUNE 1986
TOTAL	253,500	252,800	253,200	0.3%	0.1%
MINING	4,100	3,900	4,500	5.1%	-8.9%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,500	2,400	2,800	4.2%	-10.7%
OTHER MINING	500	400	500	25.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	12,700	11,200	12,700	13.4%	0.0%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,100	2,700	3,400	14.8%	-8.8%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	4,200	3,400	3,900	23.5%	7.7%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,400	5,100	5,400	5.9%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	15,700	15,600	15,600	0.6%	0.6%
DURABLE GOODS	6,700	6,600	6,500	1.5%	3.1%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	900	800	1,000	12.5%	-10.0%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	600	0.0%	33.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,200	1,200	1,100	0.0%	9.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,000	9,000	9,100	0.0%	-1.1%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,400	4,500	4,500	-2.2%	-2.2%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	800	800	900	0.0%	-11.1%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,700	1,800	1,500	-5.6%	13.3%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	300	300	400	0.0%	-25.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,600	1,600	1,700	0.0%	-5.9%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,200	2,100	2,200	4.8%	0.0%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	15,800	15,800	15,800	0.0%	0.0%
TRANSPORTATION	7,800	7,900	7,600	-1.3%	2.6%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,600	4,500	4,300	2.2%	7.0%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,200	3,400	3,300	-5.9%	-3.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,700	4,900	2.1%	-2.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

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I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JUNE 1987	PREVIOUS MONTH MAY 1987	ONE YEAR AGO JUNE 1986	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH MAY 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JUNE 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,400	19,300	19,900	0.5%	-2.5%
DURABLE GOODS	9,000	8,900	9,200	1.1%	-2.2%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,400	10,400	10,700	0.0%	-2.8%
RETAIL TRADE	48,300	48,200	48,200	0.2%	0.2%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,200	6,200	6,000	0.0%	3.3%
FOOD STORES	6,600	6,600	6,600	0.0%	0.0%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,600	6,500	6,700	1.5%	-1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,500	2,500	2,600	0.0%	-3.8%
OTHER RETAIL	26,400	26,400	26,300	0.0%	0.4%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,700	12,500	12,600	1.6%	0.8%
FINANCE	6,900	6,900	6,900	0.0%	0.0%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,300	0.0%	-2.3%
OTHER FINANCE	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
INSURANCE	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
REAL ESTATE	2,000	1,800	1,900	11.1%	5.3%
SERVICES	60,600	60,400	59,600	0.3%	1.7%
LODGING	4,100	4,100	4,200	0.0%	-2.4%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,100	25,900	25,400	0.8%	2.8%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,300	19,100	18,800	1.0%	2.7%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	6,800	6,800	6,600	0.0%	3.0%
OTHER SERVICES	30,400	30,400	30,000	0.0%	1.3%
GOVERNMENT	64,200	65,900	64,300	-2.6%	-0.2%
FEDERAL	10,200	10,000	9,900	2.0%	3.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	18,900	20,300	18,900	-6.9%	0.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11,400	13,100	11,400	-13.0%	0.0%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,500	7,200	7,500	4.2%	0.0%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,100	35,600	35,500	-1.4%	-1.1%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	15,500	17,700	15,900	-12.4%	-2.5%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,600	17,900	19,600	9.5%	0.0%

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I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	JUNE 1987	MAY 1987	JUNE 1986	MAY 1987	JUNE 1986
TOTAL	69,800	70,900	67,700	-1.6%	3.1%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	3,800	3,300	3,700	15.2%	2.7%
MANUFACTURING	5,000	4,900	4,800	2.0%	4.2%
DURABLE GOODS	2,100	2,100	2,000	0.0%	5.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,900	2,800	2,800	3.6%	3.6%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,100	4,200	4,000	-2.4%	2.5%
TRADE	21,000	21,000	20,400	0.0%	2.9%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,500	6,400	6,500	1.6%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,500	14,600	13,900	-0.7%	4.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,300	0.0%	4.7%
SERVICES	18,200	19,100	17,600	-4.7%	3.4%
GOVERNMENT	13,200	13,900	12,900	-5.0%	2.3%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,100	2,100	4.8%	4.8%
STATE & LOCAL	11,000	11,800	10,800	-6.8%	1.9%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,800	29,800	28,300	-3.4%	1.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,900	1,600	1,900	18.8%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,800	1,800	1,600	0.0%	12.5%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0%	-6.7%
TRADE	8,100	8,200	8,000	-1.2%	1.3%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,400	1,400	1,500	0.0%	-6.7%
RETAIL TRADE	6,700	6,800	6,500	-1.5%	3.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,400	6,400	6,200	0.0%	3.2%
GOVERNMENT	8,000	9,200	7,900	-13.0%	1.3%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,100	36,800	36,500	0.8%	1.6%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,900	1,800	1,700	5.6%	11.8%
MANUFACTURING	1,900	1,900	2,000	0.0%	-5.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	9,900	9,800	9,700	1.0%	2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,200	2,200	2,300	0.0%	-4.3%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,600	7,400	1.3%	4.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,700	0.0%	-5.9%
SERVICES	10,200	10,200	10,000	0.0%	2.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,700	8,600	8,500	1.2%	2.4%

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	Annual Average 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Percent Change From May 1987	Percent Change From June 1986
All Items	328.4	340.1	338.7	327.3	0.4%	3.7%
Food & Beverage	311.8	325.4	324.0	309.5	0.4%	5.1%
Housing	360.2	371.3	368.9	361.2	0.7%	2.8%
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	214.5	218.0	204.5	-1.6%	4.9%
Transportation	307.5	316.7	314.6	308.6	0.7%	2.6%
Medical Care	433.5	461.3	458.9	432.0	0.5%	6.8%
Entertainment	274.1	282.3	282.0	273.9	0.1%	3.1%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Percent Change From May 1987	Percent Change From June 1986
All Commodities	299.8	308.5	307.3	299.0	0.4%	3.2%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	252.0	263.0	263.6	249.8	-0.2%	5.3%
Industrial Commodities	312.1	320.2	318.6	311.8	0.5%	2.7%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	406.07	403.27	395.76	41.1	40.9	40.8	9.88	9.86	9.70
Durable Goods	434.51	431.19	424.76	41.7	41.5	41.4	10.42	10.39	10.26
Nondurable Goods	367.54	365.71	355.51	40.3	40.1	39.9	9.12	9.12	8.91
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	324.86	340.09	312.48	38.4	40.2	38.2	8.46	8.46	8.18
Durable Goods	360.12	393.34	345.07	40.6	44.8	39.8	8.87	8.78	8.67
Nondurable Goods	298.74	305.41	289.38	36.7	37.2	37.1	8.14	8.21	7.80
Food & Kindred	293.94	305.42	297.00	36.2	37.8	37.5	8.12	8.08	7.92
Printing and Publishing	256.16	258.10	267.96	30.9	30.8	31.9	8.29	8.38	8.40
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	313.12	319.79	317.95	37.1	37.8	37.1	8.44	8.46	8.57
Durable Goods	337.26	337.60	336.49	39.4	40.0	38.5	8.56	8.44	8.74
Nondurable Goods	294.88	306.13	304.68	35.4	36.1	36.1	8.33	8.48	8.44

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Jun '87	May '87	Jun '86	Jun '87	May '87	Jun '86	6/87	5/87	6/86	6/87	5/87	6/86
Divide	1,643	1,659	1,703	1,606	1,624	1,606	37	35	97	2.3%	2.1%	5.7%
McKenzie	2,812	2,896	3,448	2,623	2,690	3,144	189	206	304	6.7%	7.1%	8.8%
Williams	11,182	11,120	13,633	10,300	10,190	11,703	882	930	1,930	7.9%	8.4%	14.2%
REGION 1	15,637	15,675	18,784	14,529	14,504	16,453	1,108	1,171	2,331	7.1%	7.5%	12.4%
Bottineau	3,966	3,906	4,043	3,765	3,735	3,763	201	171	280	5.1%	4.4%	6.9%
Burke	1,560	1,582	1,656	1,464	1,483	1,492	96	99	164	6.2%	6.3%	9.9%
McHenry	3,199	3,188	3,241	2,942	2,928	2,885	257	260	356	8.0%	8.2%	11.0%
Mountrail	3,646	3,599	3,757	3,388	3,372	3,379	258	227	378	7.1%	6.3%	10.1%
Pierce	2,871	2,764	2,909	2,774	2,671	2,765	97	93	144	3.4%	3.4%	5.0%
Renville	1,348	1,360	1,517	1,271	1,287	1,357	77	73	160	5.7%	5.4%	10.5%
Ward	26,552	25,840	26,349	25,361	24,732	24,732	1,191	1,108	1,617	4.5%	4.3%	6.1%
REGION 2	43,142	42,239	43,472	40,965	40,208	40,373	2,177	2,031	3,099	5.0%	4.8%	7.1%
Benson	3,577	3,606	3,527	3,263	3,318	3,270	314	288	257	8.8%	8.0%	7.3%
Cavalier	3,003	2,989	2,948	2,853	2,853	2,813	150	136	135	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%
Eddy	1,695	1,703	1,652	1,572	1,555	1,535	123	148	117	7.3%	8.7%	7.1%
Ramsey	7,030	6,924	6,744	6,755	6,628	6,458	275	296	286	3.9%	4.3%	4.2%
Rolette	5,380	5,231	5,571	4,676	4,623	4,737	704	608	834	13.1%	11.6%	15.0%
Towner	1,947	1,954	1,881	1,889	1,916	1,804	58	38	77	3.0%	1.9%	4.1%
REGION 3	22,632	22,407	22,323	21,008	20,893	20,617	1,624	1,514	1,706	7.2%	6.8%	7.6%
Grand Forks	35,418	36,343	34,913	34,284	35,306	33,557	1,134	1,037	1,356	3.2%	2.9%	3.9%
Nelson	2,288	2,277	2,269	2,200	2,189	2,153	88	88	116	3.8%	3.9%	5.1%
Pembina	5,368	5,288	5,543	4,979	4,927	5,102	389	361	441	7.2%	6.8%	8.0%
Walsh	8,804	8,542	8,680	8,365	8,232	8,259	439	310	421	5.0%	3.6%	4.9%
REGION 4	51,878	52,450	51,405	49,828	50,654	49,071	2,050	1,796	2,334	4.0%	3.4%	4.5%
Cass	58,589	59,023	56,453	57,162	57,635	54,484	1,427	1,388	1,969	2.4%	2.4%	3.5%
Ransom	2,963	2,930	2,958	2,900	2,875	2,862	63	55	96	2.1%	1.9%	3.2%
Richland	9,271	9,079	9,003	8,964	8,730	8,641	307	349	362	3.3%	3.8%	4.0%
Sargent	2,861	2,804	2,803	2,778	2,723	2,677	83	81	126	2.9%	2.9%	4.5%
Steele	1,346	1,381	1,356	1,295	1,326	1,290	51	55	66	3.8%	4.0%	4.9%
Traill	4,936	4,897	4,768	4,748	4,723	4,547	188	174	221	3.8%	3.6%	4.6%
REGION 5	79,966	80,114	77,341	77,847	78,012	74,501	2,119	2,102	2,840	2.6%	2.6%	3.7%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986
Barnes	6,810	6,757	6,406	6,620	6,562	6,150	190	195	256	2.8%	2.9%	4.0%
Dickey	3,778	3,726	3,680	3,674	3,594	3,580	104	132	100	2.8%	3.5%	2.7%
Foster	2,318	2,348	2,351	2,222	2,253	2,212	96	95	139	4.1%	4.0%	5.9%
Griggs	1,686	1,732	1,677	1,661	1,702	1,616	25	30	61	1.5%	1.7%	3.6%
La Moure	2,753	2,851	2,717	2,681	2,771	2,600	72	80	117	2.6%	2.8%	4.3%
Logan	1,674	1,706	1,656	1,650	1,670	1,611	24	36	45	1.4%	2.1%	2.7%
McIntosh	2,522	2,539	2,521	2,474	2,495	2,406	48	44	115	1.9%	1.7%	4.6%
Stutsman	12,788	12,674	12,820	12,326	12,226	12,179	462	448	641	3.6%	3.5%	5.0%
Wells	3,176	3,236	3,163	3,032	3,093	3,007	144	143	156	4.5%	4.4%	4.9%
REGION 6	37,505	37,569	36,991	36,340	36,366	35,361	1,165	1,203	1,630	3.1%	3.2%	4.4%
Burleigh	33,299	32,906	33,139	31,919	31,683	31,004	1,380	1,223	2,135	4.1%	3.7%	6.4%
Emmons	2,552	2,551	2,562	2,471	2,452	2,398	81	99	164	3.2%	3.9%	6.4%
Grant	2,273	2,294	2,281	2,182	2,221	2,157	91	73	124	4.0%	3.2%	5.4%
Kidder	1,798	1,814	1,817	1,709	1,709	1,669	89	105	148	4.9%	5.8%	8.1%
McLean	4,760	4,866	4,897	4,487	4,635	4,486	273	231	411	5.7%	4.7%	8.4%
Mercer	5,781	5,671	6,242	5,431	5,388	5,592	350	283	650	6.1%	5.0%	10.4%
Morton	12,416	12,288	12,439	11,883	11,795	11,541	533	493	898	4.3%	4.0%	7.2%
Oliver	1,192	1,202	1,314	1,137	1,152	1,203	55	50	111	4.6%	4.2%	8.4%
Sheridan	1,423	1,435	1,453	1,385	1,379	1,371	38	56	82	2.7%	3.9%	5.6%
Sioux	1,452	1,456	1,422	1,305	1,369	1,240	147	87	182	10.1%	6.0%	12.8%
REGION 7	66,946	66,483	67,566	63,909	63,783	62,661	3,037	2,700	4,905	4.5%	4.1%	7.3%
Adams	1,965	1,978	1,913	1,917	1,935	1,847	48	43	66	2.4%	2.2%	3.5%
Billings	996	796	1,046	974	764	994	22	32	52	2.2%	4.0%	5.0%
Bowman	2,373	2,367	2,441	2,315	2,290	2,290	58	77	151	2.4%	3.3%	6.2%
Dunn	2,073	2,100	2,167	1,928	1,959	1,995	145	141	172	7.0%	6.7%	7.9%
Gldn Valley	1,131	1,120	1,128	1,098	1,096	1,067	33	24	61	2.9%	2.1%	5.4%
Hettinger	2,239	2,200	2,246	2,152	2,103	2,153	87	97	93	3.9%	4.4%	4.1%
Slope	578	582	596	548	550	546	30	32	50	5.2%	5.5%	8.4%
Stark	12,176	11,912	12,871	11,510	11,303	11,560	666	609	1,311	5.5%	5.1%	10.2%
REGION 8	23,531	23,055	24,408	22,442	22,000	22,452	1,089	1,055	1,956	4.6%	4.6%	8.0%
STATE TOTAL	341,237	339,992	342,285	326,868	326,420	321,487	14,369	13,572	20,798	4.2%	4.0%	6.1%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	June 1987	May 1987	June 1986	Percent Change From May 1987	Percent Change From June 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	121,235	121,719	119,685	-0.4%	1.3%
Employment	113,975	114,173	111,293	-0.2%	2.4%
Unemployment	7,260	7,546	8,392	-3.8%	-13.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.2%	7.0%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	341,240	339,990	342,290	0.4%	-0.3%
Employment	326,870	326,420	321,490	0.1%	1.7%
Unemployment	14,370	13,570	20,800	5.9%	-30.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.0%	6.1%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,740	85,150	81,420	-0.5%	4.1%
Employment	82,160	82,800	78,270	-0.8%	5.0%
Unemployment	2,580	2,350	3,150	9.8%	-18.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.8%	3.9%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,410	36,350	34,920	-2.6%	1.4%
Employment	34,280	35,310	33,560	-2.9%	2.1%
Unemployment	1,130	1,040	1,360	8.7%	-16.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	2.9%	3.9%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,710	45,200	45,580	1.1%	0.3%
Employment	43,800	43,480	42,550	0.7%	2.9%
Unemployment	1,910	1,720	3,030	11.0%	-37.0%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.8%	6.6%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

APRIL 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	340.0	357.7	2,258.8	404.9
Employment	326.4	345.2	2,158.4	381.1
Unemployment	13.6	12.5	100.4	23.8
Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.5%	4.4%	5.9%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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